
Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

If you are a Miami student, we invite you to make this your church home away from home during your time at Miami.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Liturgist: Lisa Brunckhorst

WE GATHER in GOD'S NAME

CHIMES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

PRELUDE

"For All the Saints"
Setting, Jacob B. Weber

CHORAL INTROIT

"Lord, Give Your Peace
Throughout Our Earthly Life"
Henry Purcell / arr. Hal H. Hopson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On this day we remember and celebrate saints of yesterday and of today; faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who with their lives, praised God. May our hearts and minds be open to ongoing work of Christ in the world today.

All: **O God, call us together as you did those so long ago to discover your blessed people.**

Today, in this place, Christ gather us.

Let us remember, confess, celebrate, and embody the blessed saints of God. Christ, come among us again. Alleluia!

The members of OPC who have died since All Saints' Day 2017, for whom we give thanks:

*John Beaton – Pris Berry – Roberta Crain
Dick Fisher – Ann Imhoff – Kay Jellison
Louise Limper – Philip Lindsey – Arnold McCashland
Peg McKillop – Betty Reinhart – Marilyn Rettig
John Trump – Jim Wespiser – Tom Wilson*

(Those who wish may come forward to place a flower in the vase to honor and give thanks for special "saints" in their lives.)

*HYMN – "For All the Saints"

#326

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our parents in faith, through the ages you called forth people

- courageous, faithful, and steadfast.

Forgive us when we disregard the witness of those who have gone before us.

Forgive us when our memories are dim.

Forgive us when our faith does not burn with a passion as that of those who offered their entire lives to you.

Open us to the past and to the bold testimony of faith in our world today. Connect us to the great cloud of witnesses so we may proclaim Christ's good news in our own time. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God welcomes us,
like a mother scooping up her lost children,
like a father embracing his prodigal child.

We are encouraged to learn from that forgiveness, to offer it to ourselves and others again and again. In Christ Jesus, you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

*SHARING THE PEACE

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy Spirit, settle our hearts and minds as we read the scriptures today. Help us to hear them in a new way. May our meditations and actions be acceptable to our Lord God and may the peace of Christ be with us. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

A reading from Revelation 4:1-11

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

Thanks be to God.

HOMILY – "Come Further Up, Come Further In" Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CHORAL ANTHEM

"The One"
Susan Bentall Boersma and Craig Courtney

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

The invitation is simple: come and eat of the feast. Not a meal to nourish the body, but to feed the soul.

We receive the bread and wine connected to the ages:
to the saint of old who felt unworthy,
to the seeker eager to know God,

to the teenager who wonders what it's all about,
to the child who eats with unburdened faith.

Woven into this time, the hopes and tears of generations. There is great joy here. No one is turned away for God is the host!

Indeed the Lord God is in this place.

And in our hearts.

Open yourself to the presence of Christ.

We feel the breath of the Spirit.

Remember God made flesh.

Jesus, who taught us a new way.

One: (Singing) The Lord be with you.

All: (Singing) **And also with you.**

(Singing) Lift up your hearts.

(Singing) **We lift them up to the Lord.**

(Singing) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(Singing) **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy transforming God,
you have invited us to gather at this table,

**To taste the feast,
the same abundant promises offered
to our ancestors in faith.**

Time and time again you've offered your grace,

Even as we have stepped away,

You continue to call us to be your people.

You have never left us.

**We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.
You are ever-patient, always faithful.**

We give thanks for this time of celebration.

For the One this meal remembers.

**For the life, ministry, death,
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**

With those who have gone before us,

Whose hands touched the bread,

Whose lips embraced the cup,

We worship you.

We glorify you as we join our voices of the faithful...

All: (Singing)

Holy, Holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

This is the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

So, we lift up the prayers upon our hearts...

(Joys and Concerns will be offered up at this time.)

And now as your daughters and sons whom you have reconciled to yourself, we pray: **Our Father in heaven,**

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

(As you pass the elements to your neighbor please say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Please hold the element so we can receive it together as a symbol of our oneness in Christ. The crackers on the communion plates are gluten free. Help yourself to these if you have a gluten allergy.)

OFFERING arr. Gene Roberson
(The Offertory title is not listed to not deny the listener the delight of discovery)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN** – “By All Your Saints Still Striving” #325

***BLESSING**
May Christ, who makes saints of servants and sinners, who has transformed those we remember today, **raise and strengthen us, that we may transform the world. Amen.**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** “Peace, I Give to You”
Michael Larkin

***POSTLUDE** “Nearer, Still Nearer”
arr. Jason D. Payne

Large-print bulletins and hearing assistance units are available from the ushers. **Please sign the friendship pads found at the end of the pew and pass them to your neighbors.**

Greeters: Brad and Lynn Cronk

Fellowship hour following worship hosted by Amy McGoldrick and Violet Suit on behalf of Worship and Music.

***** (tear) *****
this portion of your bulletin and place in the offering plate or Administrative Assistant mailbox.

Cookie Walk: Saturday, December 1 ~ Molyneaux Lounge

- I will...bake cookies ___ make candy ___ donate crafts ___
- Assist Prue (SERRV gifts) ___
- Café Hostess 10am ___ 11am ___ Noon ___
- Cashier Assistant ___ Customer Helper 10-11:30 ___ 11:30-1pm ___
- Receive Cookies Friday November 30
- 11am ___ Noon ___ 1pm ___ 2pm ___ 3pm ___
- Contribute Christmas items for re-sale ___ Help clean up at 1pm ___

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, John Curry, Tracy DeGood, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Breanna Kinneman, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Charles Skipper, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Dave Wilson, Stacey Winn, John and Jean Woodruff

Email prayer requests to Janet Holmes, holmest2@frontier.com, call Pat Roberts, 513-255-0549 or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org

MINISTRY NEWS:

Stewardship Campaign 2019



When we all...work together...
We build a church that is...

It takes many talents to build a church. Some individuals are handy with a hammer while others might bring expertise in laying stone, applying a roof or landscaping the grounds. Within our congregation some bring the sound of music, some provide the gift of oration, others serve as group leaders and still others feed the hungry.

All of us practice the art of stewardship. Building a church involves much, much more than creating a structure and stewardship is much more than accumulating money. Simply being a gathering within the protection of a building is not who we are. We are a collection of individuals who serve God through worship AND mission. We strive to become better from within in order that we might reach out to become more effective servants of our community and our world.

Church Women United: All are invited to attend the Church Women United World Community Day, this afternoon from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

SERRV: Sunday Nov. 4 is the last day you can order items from the SERRV catalog. They will be delivered by Dec. 1. See Prue Dana if you are interested.

Tuesday Evening Circle: The Evening Circle will be meeting November 6 at the home of Sue Wilson, 61 Scarlet Oak Circle, Oxford. Anyone needing a ride should contact Karen Simpson, 523-8363, k.simpson2007@yahoo.com

Congregational Meeting: A Special Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, November 11 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing new officers.

Tuesday Afternoon Circle: The Afternoon Circle will meet November 20th at 1:30 p.m. in the Country Kitchen at the Knolls. An optional lunch at the Café is available at noon with reservations due to Rosemary Fisher by Friday November 16th.

Oxford Presbyterian Church
For a full ministry calendar, please visit:
<https://oxfordpresbychurch.org/calendar/>

Lawrence H. Bartel, Pastor Julia R. Fisher, Clerk of Session

All Saints' Sunday



Sunday, November 4, 2018



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